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In re Patent Application of )  
Jean-Marc BALLOUL et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: New Application ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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For: POXVIRUS WITH TARGETED )  
INFECTION SPECIFICITY )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 1, 3-6, 10, 11, 14, 16-20 and 22, as follows.

1. (Amended) A poxviral particle having a targeted infection specificity

towards target cells wherein said particle infects said target cells and wherein said specificity is conferred by at least one heterologous ligand moiety which is localized at the surface of said poxviral particle and which is capable of binding an anti-ligand molecule localized at the surface of said target cells, with the proviso that when said poxviral particle is an EEV vaccinia virus particle said ligand is not an antibody directed to ErbB-2.

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